

Watson

26th October 2021

At the time of writing this Watson, we have officially come out of lockdown with 70% of Victorians being double vaccinated for Covid 19, but we still have some restrictions. By this time next week or very soon after 80% Covid vaccination rate is reached, hopefully, our restrictions will be lifted even more and we will be able to have face to face gatherings for double vaccinated members only.

At this stage, the 3 venues that we are using for our weekly, fortnightly or monthly sessions being, Lerderberg Library, Darley Neighbourhood House and The Community Hall at Providence retirement village have all advised that they are looking to open in the 2nd week of November, by which time we should have reached 80% vaccination rate. We will notify you as soon as dates are made known to us.

The 3 venues we currently use have all confirmed that they will need to see proof of your fully/double vaccination, whether it is by paper certificate or by Service Victoria app with the green tick, -on your mobile phone. Please see attachment for step- by- step instructions on how to link the Service Victoria app with your MyGov (Medicare) account, also John Spain has offered to assist anyone who is having difficulties accessing the apps and Medicare/MyGov or/and combining both. You may contact John on 0468 453 340 or email john@omapa.net

The venues we use provide a QR code check in and hand sanitizers, masks will need to be worn in some instances.

With the change in Covid 19 rules, we are presently working on updating our Covid 19 Safe Plan and forward it to all members once it is completed.

Although we are slowly coming out of lockdown, living with Covid may be a different world than the one we are used to and the recommendation for those that are able to and have the technology is to perhaps look at what Zoom has to offer, you may be pleasantly surprised at how easy it is to use and perhaps it may encourage you to try some U3A Network activities/ sessions that other U3A's put together and are available on the U3A Network Victoria website.

John has also offered to conduct regular Zoom workshops for a few weeks. The purpose of these workshops would be to improve our Zoom skills and explore some of the under-used functionality that Zoom provides. These Zoom workshops will be available to anyone interested on Tuesday's at 2.00pm. Please contact John 0468 453 340 or email john@omapa.net for session dates and link to attend.

Once we are able to continue with face-to-face meetings, we would just like to remind you that we are always on the lookout for fresh ideas and to start up some new activities, if you have a special skill or know of someone that does and would like to share that skill, please let us know as we would like to invite you/them to share those skills with other likeminded people, whether it be an ongoing venture or a short-term course, please let us know and we can arrange venue and session times.

Garden Group: meeting on Friday 29th October 2021, details in flyer attached.

Dates for your diary:

Christmas gathering on Friday 10th December 2021 at Bacchus Marsh Golf Club, further details will be forwarded closer to the date.

Meet & Greet on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 10.00am at The Supper Room, Main Street, Bacchus Marsh.

Before we close off on this Watson, I'd like to share some photos of our Painting for fun group having a painting session at Maddingley Park last Wednesday. It was a lovely sunny day and some members took advantage of the weather and meeting up again.



That's all for now. Any queries in regard to any of the above, please contact either:

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Take care and stay safe everyone.